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Building Collaborative Communities is a new effort designed to assist regions in creating and sustaining new economic opportunities across Virginia. The program will promote regional economic collaborations in economically-distressed areas to stimulate job creation, economic development and build community capacity and leadership.

Building Collaborative Communities is a broad-based program that brings to bear resources from a number of state entities, including the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Department of Business Assistance, Virginia Tourism Corporation, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Community College System and other agencies as appropriate.

Applications for 2012 funding must be submitted electronically by 5 p. m. on Sept. 17, 2012.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants may be units of local government, regional partnerships, planning district commissions, and economic development organizations. Applicants must be broad-based partnerships comprised of leaders from relevant organizations and stakeholder groups. It is not necessary for a formal structure to be in place at the time of application, instead, the organizational development of an entity can be proposed as an output of the project. Proposals should target areas that do not have existing, regionally focused organizations, or those that have newly formed, emerging, regional entities.

Program Resources

- Project Plan Request
- How to Apply Workshop Presentation
- CAMS

Program Highlights

- 2013 BCC How-to-Apply Workshops Registration Now Open
- 2011 Building Collaborative Communities Grants